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Recreational Red Abalone Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

Project Team Working Meeting

Review and Discuss Management Strategies and Brainstorm on Managed/Restricted Access Fishery Options

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building | 50 D St. (at First St.), Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Listen-only option with screen-sharing: <https://www.uberconference.com/strategiearth>

Optional dial-in number (listen-only): 424-228-8722 No PIN needed

Overview

Following a scientific peer review of [two management strategies](#) under consideration for the Recreational Red Abalone FMP in 2018, the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) made the following recommendations at its December 2018 meeting: (1) address [peer review recommendations](#) to integrate the two proposed management strategies; (2) develop a *de minimis* (i.e., managed/restricted access) fishery option; and (3) develop a more comprehensive process and timeline to engage and consult with stakeholders.

To accomplish this, a working meeting is being held to establish a Project Team and initiate its charge. The Project Team is open to all interested stakeholders, including members of the abalone fishing community, Tribes and tribal communities, scientists, resource managers, and others. Over the next six months, the Project Team will provide advice and guidance intended to assist the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Commission as they consider final options for a Recreational Red Abalone FMP for the North Coast.

Meeting Objectives

- Confirm the charge of the Project Team and role of meeting participants, and arrive at a shared understanding of the Recreational Red Abalone FMP development process to date;
- Understand how available information (e.g., model simulations) will assist the Project Team in developing options/proposals for management strategy integration;
- Learn about the concept and role of restricted access and engage in an initial brainstorm about criteria to guide an optimal managed/restricted access recreational Red Abalone fishery; and
- Develop the Project Team's work plan, including a schedule for Project Team meetings in advance of the December 2019 Commission meeting.

Meeting Agenda

Registration

8:30am - 9:00am

Welcome & Background

9:00am - 11:00am

Overview of the Project Team's role and responsibilities, and relationship to other groups involved in this stage of the FMP's development. Learn about the history of the FMP process and how the Project Team will advance the Commission's recommendations.

Management Strategies: Intro to Integration Tools & Guidance on Next Steps 11:00am - 12:30pm

Discuss Project Team's role in reviewing and providing feedback on available science. Learn about computer-based models as a tool for exploring how different indicators, data streams, and analyses can inform management decisions, and how models also can be used to address peer review recommendations including integrating two draft management strategies. Engage in a discussion to address questions, share comments, and provide suggestions for next steps to inform Project Team discussions and outline clear modeling tasks.

Lunch Break

12:30pm - 1:15pm

Managed/Restricted Access Fishery: Introduction & Initial Brainstorm

1:15pm - 3:45pm

Orientation to the principles and structure of restricted access, including limits and opportunities. Working in small groups to brainstorm on how a managed/restricted recreational Red Abalone fishery might operate in the future. Share knowledge, perspectives, priorities, and concerns for this type of management strategy. Identify next steps, including developing proposals for ongoing Project Team consideration.

Develop Project Team Work Plan

3:45pm - 4:30pm

Review and discuss draft proposed work plan outlining the Project Team's meeting schedule, including discussion goals, deliverables, and action items. The work plan is a "living" document and will continue to be updated and refined over the coming months to better reflect the progress, next steps, and tasks of the Project Team.

Next Steps & Concluding Remarks

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Identify and confirm next steps and timelines to advance the discussion. Learn how to stay involved in the Project Team moving forward.

While not required, RSVPs are requested to help with meeting coordination and can be sent to Strategic Earth Consulting (hello@strategiearth.com). Coffee and tea will be provided; lunch will not be provided and a break will be made available.

Strategic Earth Consulting is the neutral facilitation and administrative team supporting the Project Team's activities, and is funded by the Ocean Protection Council.

For more information about this meeting (including reference materials), the Project Team, or the Recreational Red Abalone FMP process, please visit <http://www.opc.ca.gov/2019/05/red-abalone-management-strategies-integration/> or contact hello@strategiearth.com.